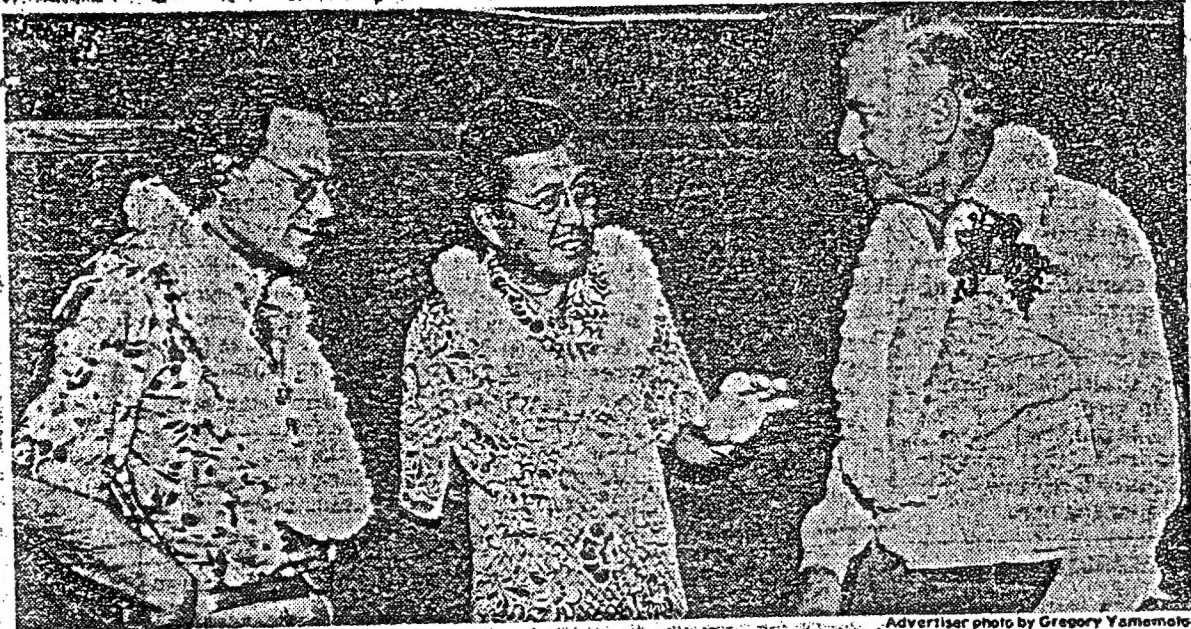


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Halperin (left), Inouye and Scoville discuss the issues.

Bill would require warrant for wiretaps

Wiretapping will require a court warrant if a U.S. Senate bill has its way in the next session of Congress.

That prediction came from Sen. Daniel Inouye, chairman of the new Senate committee that monitors U.S. intelligence gathering activities. He moderated a panel discussion on intelligence at the annual American Civil Liberties Union dinner last night.

Some 160 local ACLU members and their guests attended the annual dinner at Haiku Gardens Restaurant last night, which specially honored John and Aiko Reinecke, the recently exonerated Honolulu couple fired from their teaching jobs here 29 years ago because of their alleged Communist leanings.

The other panel members were: Herbert Scoville, the former CIA assistant director for scientific intelligence; and Morton H. Halperin, presently involved in a suit against former president Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, charging that his telephone was tapped by the FBI from 1969 to 1971.

Inouye, in remarks during the discussion, said next session his committee will propose a wiretap bill which requires that "a reasonable agency show 'probable cause' for

bugging. Presently the President may authorize wiretaps without a warrant.

Former CIA official Scoville last night called for an end of CIA covert actions in foreign countries that involve such things as overthrowing governments or political assassination.

However, he stressed the need for the CIA to retain its secret intelligence gathering operations including foreign agent espionage work.

ACLU's Halperin disagreed with the secrecy ethic and said the CIA should strip itself of clandestine action as well as make public its budget, so the public and Congress can debate the use of those funds.

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Remarks: Tony: What's the latest Administration/ Justice position on this legislation? Perhaps someone should talk it over with Inouye. <i>George: Does the question make any difference at this point? Presumably the new administration will take a new look at the entire subject.</i>			
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